

**IN THE INDIANA SUPREME COURT**

SHOLES, David T.,	)	
	)	Court of Appeals
appellant,	)	cause no. 27A02-9906-CV-445
v.	)	
	)	
SHOLES, Christine K.,	)	
	)	
appellee.	)	

**INVITATION FOR PARTICIPATION OF *AMICUS CURIAE***

This matter is pending before the Indiana Supreme Court on a petition to transfer jurisdiction filed by counsel for the appellee. The Court of Appeals had decided, among other things, that the *pro se* appellant is statutorily entitled to appointment of counsel in this civil case if he is indigent. *Sholes v. Sholes*, 732 N.E.2d 1252 (Ind. Ct. App. 2000), *trans. pending*.

Because this case poses important legal issues, the Court now issues this invitation for participation of *amicus curiae* to aid the Court in addressing any or all of the following questions: (1) Does Ind. Code § 34-10-1-2 require appointment of counsel for indigent civil litigants? (2) If so, must the attorney be paid? (3) If the attorney is entitled to be paid, who is responsible for the payment?

Those entities or individuals willing to prepare and file a brief as *amicus curiae* on the foregoing questions are requested to follow the following procedure: First, file a petition with the Court in this cause seeking leave to appear as *amicus curiae* on or before February 5, 2001. The Court encourages the submission of joint briefs and the petition seeking *amicus* status should indicate whether a joint brief on behalf of multiple entities will be submitted. The Court will then issue a second order regarding the actual submission of briefs. The approved briefs will be due on or before February 26, 2001, with no extensions of time permitted. The briefs will be limited in size to no greater than 8,000 words.

The Clerk is directed to send copies of this order to the organizations identified on the attached service list. However, others who may wish to participate as *amicus curiae* may also petition to do so within the date prescribed. The Clerk is also directed to send copies of this order to all parties and counsel of record.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana this 16th day of January, 2001.

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Randall T. Shepard  
Chief Justice of Indiana

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